Washington DC
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Mrs J. C. Booth
Hartford College
Dear Madam

I had the bill to pay your late husbands estate the value of the three stolen silver bars promptly introduced in both Houses of Congress in December last and have been doing all I could since to secure favorable action but have not so far met with much success and after thinking the matter over seriously I have attendantly come to the conclusion that your interest in the matter would be better served if you had some good reliable Attorney who makes a business of attending to Cases

before Congress. for the reason that
it is his business to always be at the
Capital where he can look after
the matter every day. While my
duties at the Department are now
so heavy that I could not have a
chance to do anything outside between
9 AM & 4 PM. in fact I am frequently
compelled in order to keep up to remain
until after 5 O'clock PM. So that
the only time when I have any
chance to do anything is in the
evening and I find that Members
of Congress do not come to talk over
anything of this class outside of the
Committee rooms at the Capital
and I have gone there a half a dozen
times in succession and have
not been able even to secure
a hearing. I am perfectly willing
to do the best I can for you. but I
now honestly think it would be
better that you should put your
case in the hands of some good
reliable Attorney. I will furnish any
one you may employ (if you so
decide) will all the information
and aid in my power.
My object in trying to get this thought
for you was to save you offense
as I regard it as an outrage that
Prof Booth should have been
required to pay over the value of these
bars, as he was not responsible for them (bars) when he had devoted the best
part of his life to the Government
and saved hundreds of thousands
of dollars. as the records show
Please think this over and
let me know your decision
at an early date and in the

meantime I shall not relax my efforts in the case.

Very Truly
R. C. Preston